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Christmas, 19th century-style: Historic McFarland House will be part of the Rotary Holiday House tour Friday and Saturday—call 905-351-3807 for tickets—and will be holding a Christmas open house Friday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., decorated for a lush 19th century Christmas courtesy of the Garden Club of Niagara. Homemade cookies, hot chocolate with whipped cream, mulled apple and staff in period costume, including manager Rebecca Pascoe, will be ready to greet visitors at the heritage house on the Niagara River Parkway.

Oldest North American golf club to close but owner handling cash flow problems to ensure it will reopen next spring

BY PENNY COLES
NIAGARA ADVANCE

North America's oldest golf club will close for the winter, but it will open again in spring, says an optimistic John Wiens.

The Wiens family, former owners of the Prince of Wales Hotel, have a long-standing and well-earned reputation in town, in the hospitality industry and as community volunteers, but have not been immune to the difficulties of weathering what John refers to as the "perfect storm."

The sagging economy, passport and bridge issues and a strong Canadian dollar creating a downturn in the number of American visitors to town, along with a drop in tourism in general have put Riverbend Inn on the market and the NOTL Golf Club in "voluntary receivership," says Wiens.

Meridian Credit Union has appointed a third party to look after payables until the 21-room hotel is sold.

There is a conditional offer on it that should close in February, and that should put the family in good shape to open the golf club next season, he says.

After selling the Prince in 1997, then building and selling the Gateway Travel Centre on Glendale, John and his father Henry began restoring the beautiful 1860s Georgian mansion on the Niagara River Parkway that is now one of the most elegant hotels in the region.

The refurbishment of the building, once a school, then a home for the disabled, an apartment building and more recently the Afrukhteh Art Gallery and Museum, continued the family legacy of excellence in town—locals had loved what the Wiens accomplished with the Prince, and were not disappointed with the style and sophistication of Riverbend.

When the financially-overextended golf club was put up for sale by its board in the fall of 2007, members expressed a sense of relief that the Wiens stepped in to take it over, confident the family tradition would continue. The club closed that winter and when the newly renovated club house and outdoor patio opened in the spring it once again became a place for locals to enjoy.

And will continue to be, says Wiens.

"We kept the club house open last winter, but business was slow. With the sale of Riverbend, we hope to be able to renegotiate with Meridian and reopen the golf club in the spring. The membership doesn't need to worry—our hope is to carry on."

As for Riverbend, there is little Wiens will say about the sale, except that the offer is from locals who will "take it to the next level."

The Wiens family, he said, continues to be very proud of Riverbend and its staff, "but it's a tough time for the hospitality industry. We're just trying to be as positive as possible for the family and the staff, and we're looking forward to spring."

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COMMUNITY

Christmas parade entry makes a comeback

BY PENNY COLES
NIAGARA ADVANCE



Genaire aircraft welder Jason Rabak is one of several employees who have taken on the responsibility of helping to get a 25-year-old parade entry fit for the Dec. 12 Santa Claus parade. It may not look much like it now, but the 70-foot, four-car train is one of the more impressive entries the parade has seen.

Of the hundred or so entries in this year's Santa Claus Parade, one has an interesting history in town.

About 25 years ago, Lorraine and Bob Warner and a small group of St. Davids Public School parents put together an impressive float for the parade. But after almost 20 years of languishing in backyards around town, it is being restored by Genaire employees and will take its rightful place in this year's NOTL parade.

It was a 70-foot train with an engine, caboose and two passenger cars. Some of the material was donated by Genaire, which was founded by Lorraine's father, Gerry Wooll, and the St. Davids Lions and Lioness also contributed to it.

The train was first entered in the parade in 1982, and another three or four years after that, recalls Lorraine Warner, but the yearly maintenance and the number of volunteers needed the day of the parade became onerous—it took a couple of hours just to get it from the Warner St. Davids farm to the Old Town, she says.

It was about 1988 when they turned it over to the St. Davids Lions, who painted it purple and gold and named it a few parades before giving up on it. In the intervening years her family would watch the parade from her father's Old Town home, and would often mention the train and wonder what had happened to it, says Warner.

About six weeks ago, her daughter Melissa Warner was driving down Four Mile Creek Road toward St. Davids when she spotted two train cars for sale—an engine and a caboose—and called her mom to say she thought she'd found the old St. Davids parade entry that she had spent hours playing on while the kids worked on it through many cool fall evenings, recalls Lorraine.

Her husband Bob spoke to the person who was selling the cars, who didn't know their history, and made a deal to purchase them. Then the Warners went looking for two passenger cars.

They found one of the originals in a York Road backyard, and a second that was not original but that would suit their purpose.

Three of the four cars have been restored and the fourth is still at Genaire, where employees are retrofitting it in time for the Dec. 12 parade.

"I was so surprised by the response of the employees here who had never seen it before but wanted to help. They've taken responsibility for it," says Warner.

It will be a Genaire float with Genaire employees' children riding on it, says Warner, and will hopefully look as impressive when it takes to the street for the 2009 parade as it did 25 years ago.

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Trees arrive: About 400 Christmas trees arrived Friday at Niagara Fruit and Vegetable Growers on Creek Road for the NOTL Lions Club tree sale. The NOTL minor hockey bantam boys team and a few NDSS students helped Lions Club members unload and organize the trees, which range from about five feet to a few at 14 feet, balsam, spruce, Scotch pine and Fraser Fir, priced from \$30 and up. This is the NOTL Lions' main fundraiser. The service organization uses the money for minor sports, educational camps, Lions eye care, bursaries for children who are sight-impaired or on dialysis, and other community causes as needed. St. Davids Lions are also selling trees on their York Road lot. Both are open seven days a week, in St. Davids from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and the NOTL Lions in Virgil from noon.

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NEWS

St. Michael school community may be divided through boundary change

BY PENNY COLES
NIAGARA ADVANCE

Catholic schools are not immune to the pressures of declining enrolment: St. Michael Catholic School in Niagara-on-the-Lake is facing a proposal that would realign its boundaries and send some students to Niagara Falls.

An ad hoc committee reviewing the "Niagara Falls family of schools" is meeting tonight to discuss a proposal that would move St. Michael students living south of Line 8 from the Niagara River to Concession 5 to St. Gabriel Lalemant in Niagara Falls.

The boundary change would affect about 50 St. Michael students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, says principal Brian Palujanakas. Those students would then go on to attend a Niagara Falls high school—St. Gabriel is a feeder school for St. Paul—rather than Holy Cross in St. Catharines. Parents were not informed that there was even a discussion of a boundary changes until last Friday, when they received a letter

that was sent home with their children.

The letter says the committee, established in September, is reviewing the boundaries for all of the elementary and secondary schools in the Niagara Falls—it doesn't mention St. Michael—with a final report to the Niagara Catholic District School Board for approval no later than January 2010.

The letter invites St. Michael parents to two meetings—the one tonight and another Jan. 5, to provide input into the proposed boundary changes.

But parents weren't notified of the details of the proposal or that it affected St. Michael students until Tuesday, with a letter sent by the board to "clarify the proposed boundary changes."

Palujanakas says he has had some questions from concerned parents, but he won't know how the families directly affected by the proposal feel about it until after those meetings.

The loss of that number of students wouldn't be expected to affect extra-curricular activities or

classroom size significantly, says Palujanakas—it would mean about five students less in each grade.

Some parents whose children would be affected by the boundary change told the Advance they would pull their kids from the Catholic system rather than send them based out of the community.

Dawn Gula has two boys and Lisa Burland has three who go to St. Michael. They both live on York Road and their children play with other NOTL children, are involved in minor sports, and they both say they would send their children to St. Davids Public School rather than to Niagara Falls, where they would not know any of the other students.

Gula's boys have autism, and would be severely affected by a change in routine, she says. "This is just awful. Worrying about it is going to ruin our Christmas. I don't know how those people can sleep at night, trying to do this to us."

"I'm extremely upset," says Burland. "We chose St. Michael to keep our children in the same school, with the same friends and a

rooted environment. We chose to live here because we like the rural community. Our children would be devastated if they had to change schools."

Burland and two other families within the proposed boundary changes have in the last two years helped to raise \$40,000 for new playgrounds at St. Michael, and put their own sweat into installing some of the elements.

"I would do anything for that school, but if I have to, it will be to St. Davids."

Marian Battersby lives in Virgil, so a boundary change as discussed wouldn't affect her children, but the Catholic board is stressing the need to act as a partner in the community, and St. Michael, led by Palujanakas, has been doing just that, she says.

A boundary change would have the opposite effect on children who would be bused to Niagara Falls, she says.

"Once students go out of town for school, they won't feel like they're part of the community they live in," she worries.

She is also concerned that the information about the proposal has been released to parents so late in the process.

The committee may, if it hears that St. Michael parents are opposed to a boundary change, drop that from their discussion. "But how would they know how parents feel if the parents themselves aren't informed? If parents don't object it could become policy. St. Davids students could be bused to boost enrolment in Niagara Falls."

The parent council wasn't going to have time to discuss the issue before tonight's meeting, although they were going to be available to talk to parents at Wednesday's parent-teacher interviews.

They could have a position to offer at the Jan. 5 meeting, but the committee's recommendations will be presented to the board just a week later, on Jan. 12, and a board decision is expected to be made that evening.

But, says Palujanakas, nothing has been set in stone, and the Catholic board is noted for paying heed to input from parents.

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'Biased and incorrect' survey angers councillor, Parliament Oak parent

BY PENNY COLES
NIAGARA ADVANCE

Town Councillor Gary Zalepa says a letter that came home from Parliament Oak in his son's backpack Tuesday is biased, contains errors of fact, and should not have been allowed by the school board.

The letter begins with a preamble: "As you may be aware the new CJB/Virgil elementary school, but Niagara-on-the-Lake's Town Council is trying to force the DSBN to locate the new school on the NDSS property. The Town's decision to deny the DSBN's property choice is delaying the construction of the new CJB/Virgil school and is having the unintended consequence of delaying the much-needed renovations of Parliament Oak."

Through community consultation, both the ARC and

DSBN staff recommended elementary schools within the neighbourhoods of Old Town, Virgil and St. David's, the preamble continues. "However, a new elementary (school) within the proposed Parliament Oak boundary would jeopardize the long-term viability of Parliament Oak."

The letter then asks whether parents support the construction of an additional elementary school within the proposed boundary of Parliament Oak.

It also asks parents whether they think building the new elementary school for Virgil and Butler students on the NDSS site would jeopardize the long-term viability of Parliament Oak, and asks parents whether they agree or disagree with a delay in renovations to Parliament Oak.

Zalepa says he has received several calls and emails questioning the letter.

"Parent council is not elected and should respect

fully refrain from making political statements," he says. "Parent council is not a platform to make your personal points from."

Parliament Oak principal Charlene Hadfield says the letter was okayed by board superintendent Sue Mark, and referred all other questions, such as the connection between the delay for the new Virgil/Butler school and the Parliament Oak renovations, to school board spokesperson Kim Yielding.

In checking with Mark, Yielding said, she found the superintendent agreed a survey could be sent home, but didn't see or approve the letter. Mark said there were inaccuracies in the letter.

Board plant director Doug Durani says the renovations for Parliament Oak are not affected by the Ontario Municipal Board hearing to discuss the town zoning of the Virgil property—an architect has been hired and renovations scheduled to begin in June.

The NDSS property is not within the Parliament Oak boundary, but a planner with the board said if a new elementary school were to be constructed on NDSS property, there would be a review of elementary school boundaries and Parliament Oak would be affected.

But Zalepa says although it has been a community discussion, the town council has never, contrary to the information in the letter, said the new elementary school for Virgil and Butler students should go on the NDSS property.

The board, he said, needs to take some responsibility for the delay in the construction of a new school—it has chosen to purchase a piece of property that is zoned residential, rather than institutional.

The board is also going against its own policy of purchasing new property when it has surplus property, he said.

The parent council chairs could not be reached for comment.

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Survey preamble misleading, although parent council likely has best of intentions

Some parents from Parliament Oak have been opposed against a new elementary school for Virgil and Butler students on NDSS property—it understandably makes them nervous.

There is no reason to think there will ever be an elementary school on NDSS property, but if somehow the board recognizes its financial responsibility to its taxpayers and moves in that direction, it wouldn't take too much of a leap for some member of the school board staff someday in the future to go a step further and suggest a new school so close to the centre of town could also serve some Parliament Oak students, that boundaries could be adjusted. In fact a school board planner says the boundaries would be adjusted, although that is a decision that would have to be approved by trustees.

Parents in the Old Town are fiercely protective of their neighbourhood school. And anyone who has had children attend that school or even visited it can see why. It is within walking distance for some of its students, it has a distinct community feel to it and does a great job of caring for and educating its students, as do the other neighbourhood schools in NOTL. It would be a shame to lose it.

That being said, it would seem that, with the most noble of intentions, the Parliament Oak parent council has made some errors with the survey they sent home.

They certainly have the right to question whether Parliament Oak parents are still as strongly supportive of their neighbourhood school as they were before the board decided to close NDSS and spend \$2 million on new property and \$7 million on a new school for Virgil and Butler students.

But by including a preamble that, as councillor Gary Zalepa says, is biased and incorrect, they have weakened the strength of whatever response they receive and done themselves and the issue an injustice.

Town should stick to its guns—board should have come to table earlier in process

I am the parent of an elementary student at Virgil Public School and a high school student at Niagara District Secondary School, and I'm a Friend of NDSS and also School Council Chair at Virgil, however, these are my personal opinions.

Throughout the Accommodation Review process the elementary communities spoke strongly for keeping the elementary schools within the communities of St. David's, Old Town and Virgil. The committee agreed to downsize from five elementary school sites to three. The DSNB would have you believe they are following the recommendations of the ARC by buying property at Line 2 and Niagara Stone Road.

In fact, the ARC recommended that the new combined elementary school for Col. Butler and Virgil be built on either of the existing sites of those same two schools. The school board is not following the Accommodation Review Committee recommendations. They are following the advice of the Board's senior staff who stated they would search for another site within the Virgil town boundaries.

I agree there was discussion about building



Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs helps raise the flag outside the town hall for the local branch of Amnesty International with members Gail Nagley, Daina Meusel and J.L. Groux to celebrate Human Rights Day Dec. 12.

Trustees should have studied local history

In her 1914 History of Niagara, Janet Carnochan writes that Governor Simcoe expressed the need for a good school for Niagara as early as 1792.

An act passed in 1807 provided funding for a high school and expressly states "that the school for the District of Niagara be in the town of Niagara."

Despite the best of intentions and lofty plans, no per-

manent school building was erected until 1875. Anna Jameson visited Niagara in 1837 and remarked in her "Winter Studies and Summer Rambles" that despite the thriving ship building industry in the dock area and all of the local advantages of fertile farm land, "as a frontier town and one of the oldest settlements in Upper Canada, Niagara does not make progress. The

population and the number of houses have remained nearly stationary for the last five years. I find the people complaining much of the want of a good school."

Will this view of Niagara-on-the-Lake come back to haunt us 200 year later?

It is too bad that the DSNB trustees are not obliged to study history.

Jim Reynolds
NOTL

the elementary school with a high school on the high school site. There was never any discussion to compare the property at East and West Line and Niagara Stone Road without a high school, with the newly identified property at Line 2.

That discussion could only have happened after the deadline of Oct 31st passed. Any opinions and data collected during the ARC process did not consider these options.

The school board presently owns 4.94 acres on East and West Line near Four Mile Creek Road, 3.75 acres on Four Mile Creek Road near Niagara Stone Road, 3.98 acres in Old Town, 6.03 acres on York Road, 2.72 acres in Queenston and 26.59 acres on East and West Line at Niagara Stone Road. They are abandoning four of these properties and want a new one. Who buys property, pours money into surveys, site plans and development plans and then seeks to have it rezoned after making this financial commitment to it?

At best the board should have sat down with the town far earlier in the process. At worst they are blaming the town for their premature actions

and implying that the town is ignoring the needs of our elementary school children. Both scenarios are their responsibilities, not yours. The DSNB has long-term planning problems, not the town.

I believe the town must follow its own long-deliberated plan for growth and development. If this property is prime for residential building, bringing families and people in to our town and growing our tax base, it should be kept residential. If as our elected officials, you see a long-term plan for our town differently than the DSNB, I support you. This is about planning our future not compromising it.

Sandy Cowan
Virgil

Editor's Note: The Ontario Municipal Board has set aside Jan. 8 for a prehearing conference regarding the school board's appeal of the town's zoning and severance decisions, including identification of groups or individuals who want to participate. Those who do not attend the prehearing conference will not be entitled to further notification of the proceedings, an OMB notice says.

Too much is always too much—even when it's only cold water, archives tell us



Archives Committee reports
ST. MARK'S CHURCH

We like to believe that the world of our ancestors was a better place than ours.

Of course they lived without modern appliances and work-saving equipment, but their world moved more slowly than ours, we say.

We assume that everyone in Niagara enjoyed an idyllic world of peach trees and spice gardens. They attended church regularly and lived exemplary lives in accord with

the high ethical standards that we attribute to the Victorian era.

It comes as some surprise to discover that all was not sunshine and roses in the good old days. Among other things the early records of burials in St. Mark's contain some suggestion of dipsomania. In our day we like to disguise this problem with terms such as alcohol dependency, or fetal alcohol syndrome, or an ill defined illness for which



Niagara's Black Swan Tavern c1812

the person is not quite responsible.

The first rector of St. Mark's was not above noting the blunt truth, however. In October 1799 he noted that Peter McBride died "worn out by excess at the age of 49."

It was a simple statement of fact. He had been eating and drinking too much. In December two years later the rector noted that James Rogers, who had just died, was "an inn keeper, a bad profession for any but a very sober man."

Apparently easy access to the kegs was an almost certain guarantee of overindulgence.

It was not only alcohol that one could drink too much of. A very early note tells of the innkeeper, soldier "suffricted by drinking cold water."

Even too much cold water was considered harmful on a hot day.

A little knowledge of history soon disabuses us of any Eden like existence of our great grandparents. They had their problems, their temptations and their weaknesses.

How much do you know about turkey? Nothing goes to waste



Kathy Bradley
ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS

Christmas and turkey just seem to go together.

In 2008 Canadians consumed 150.6 million kilograms of turkey. Ontario produces 43 per cent of the Canadian total. That is a lot of turkey.

All aspects of raising and handling turkeys comply with The Poultry Code of Practice to ensure turkeys are raised and marketed humanely and responsibly.

The Canadian Turkey Marketing Agency was established to develop a quality assurance program.

Turkey Farmers of Canada On-Farm Food Safety Program aims at keeping birds healthy to

produce safe high quality turkeys.

The Turkey Farmers of Canada's Flock Care Program was developed to ensure the safe handling of turkeys from egg to production. Turkeys are not kept in cages but roam freely in barns.

In Canada, most turkeys are raised in specially designed environmentally controlled barns. However, there are smaller operations too.

Legally, all turkeys raised in Canada are hormone and steroid free.

There are several species of turkey. The ones we buy in the grocery store are

generally white which is not the natural colour.

Turkeys are graded on quality of appearance.

Canada 'A' (Red) are meaty with an even amount of fat and well shaped.

Canada 'B' (Blue) is not as fleshy or fattened as Canada 'A' turkeys. There may be short (ears and minor discoloration).

Utility (Blue) are at least a class 'B' turkey but with one or more parts missing.

Organic turkeys comply with Canadian Organic Standards. They take about seven months to mature for market as opposed to five months with traditionally grown birds.

To qualify as organically grown turkeys they must be grown three years without herbicides or pesticides around them or their feed.

Free range is just as it

sounds. Birds are allowed to roam outside.

There are many turkey products available today, such as burgers, bacon, sausage, wieners and much more.

As in most farming operations nothing goes to waste. Feathers can be crushed for cattle feed because they contain protein. Feathers are strong, with the consistency of nylon and cotton. Scientists are investigating their use in automobiles, construction and cosmetics.

Heavier feathers are compress into bales and could replace wood and plastic materials.

Turkey litter is spread over fields as fertilizer.

Using turkey litter as a fuel for producing electricity is innovative.

Fibronim, a Minnesota electrical company, collects

turkey litter from across the state to burn in their furnaces. They provide enough electricity for 40,000 homes.

At this time of year there are several turkey rolls with proceeds going to charity organizations. If you are a lucky turkey winner do not forget it in the trunk—put it in the freezer. There is a lot goes into the turkey we buy. Nothing

goes to waste. Save your bones to make soup.

The first turkey I cooked looked great. But I found a few full of something and a bag other surprises in its cavity. My cooking skills have since improved.

Kathy's tip of the week:

A note of safety, never defrost a stuffed turkey—cook it directly from its frozen state.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN'S SIGN BY-LAW

Prior to Council's consideration in the new year, Town staff are requesting input from residents and business owners regarding amendments to the current Sign By-law. The proposed amendments are available on the Town's website at www.notl.org under Public Notices.

Please submit your written comments to the Clerk's Department by December 18, 2009, at 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, ON L0S 1T0, or hdown@notl.org.

Holly Dowd, Town Clerk, December 3, 2009

Randy Berg, Supervisor, By-law Enforcement

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake intends to designate the property at the following location as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

Description of Property

The Cappon-Cash House is a one storey Regency cottage with a clapboard exterior. The house is now located on a relatively flat lot on the east side of King Street between Paffard and Cottage Streets. It was moved to this site in 2005.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Local sources suggest that the house was moved on at least 2 other occasions during the 19th century.

The cultural heritage value of the Cappon-Cash House consists, in part, in its simple Regency style, which is relatively rare in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and in its many original details which have survived intact in spite of the fact that the building has been moved several times.

The house is a 3-bay, one storey clapboard structure with a hip roof and centre hall plan. A front porch extending the full length of the front facade was added in the late 1920's replacing a smaller porch with a simple sloped roof which was not original to the house. Original exterior features include the clapboard cladding, large window openings with original trim and shutters, the door surrounded and 3-light transom and the simple cornice moulding.

In 2005 the house was moved from its lot at 66 Picton Street in order to accommodate new development which, if integrated with the house, would have compromised or destroyed many of its important cultural heritage features. When the house was moved to its current site it was restored and all of its significant heritage features were retained.

Although the house is not as architecturally distinctive as many of the buildings in the Town it has 2 important characteristics that distinguish it from other simple vernacular structures constructed at approximately the same time. First it illustrates a particular trait of early citizens of the Town whose frugal nature resulted in the habit of moving frame buildings from one site to another rather than tearing them down. The architectural history of the Town relates a number of stories of such houses that were relocated, several more than one. Second, the house is a unique example of a simple vernacular Regency cottage of the type that is seen more commonly in towns and cities such as Brantford, Cambridge and Guelph. In Niagara-on-the-Lake this particular style is a rare occurrence. Here it has been interpreted in wood. The typical picturesque Regency details such as generous windows and elaborate door casings have been pared down to a minimum without sacrificing the refined sense of scale and simple elegance of design that is characteristic of this style.

Any person may, not later than the 4th day of January 2010, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake notice of their objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 3rd day of December, 2009
HOLLY DOWD, CLERK

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Description of Property

The Campbell Scott House is a 2 storey cedar clad building of modern design. The property is located on the northwest corner of Byron and Wellington Streets in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. The house sits on a raised mound surrounded by a tall, stockade-like wall composed of vertical cedar boards.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The cultural heritage value of the Campbell Scott house consists, in part, in its modern style, unique design and the quality of the craftsmanship displayed throughout the building. More importantly it is the artistic vision of one man, Campbell Scott, who designed and constructed the house over a 10 year period, designed and made much of the furniture and interior details and envisioned and executed the landscape plan.

Mr. Scott is a renowned painter, printmaker, sculptor and jewelry maker whose work has been featured in and collected by many museums and art galleries including the British Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Montreal Museum of Fine Art (Samuel Bronfman Collection) and the Art Gallery of Ontario.

The building is prominently located at the corner of Byron and Wellington Streets and is sited on a high mound in the centre of the lot. The garden, which surrounds the house on both Byron and Wellington Streets, slopes down from the wall and is blanketed in woady thyme, hosta and mugo pines as well as seasonal plantings such as violas and daffodils.

The house is surrounded by a high wall. The wall, which provides the artist with privacy to create his art, conceals a secluded Japanese garden with a pavilion, a bridge and a rectangular fish pond. This space is also used as a sculpture court. Sliding doors from the living room/gallery space create a seamless transition from the indoors to the exterior.

Internally the house contains 2 studio spaces. The mix of ceiling heights and configurations, plain white walls and natural wood of various kinds creates a backdrop for the owner's art. The compact kitchen, with its maple cabinetry, is a reflection of a high level of craftsmanship and attention to detail. Movable furniture and rosewood bookcases, also designed by the artist, can be reconfigured to accommodate changing displays of paintings, prints and sculptures.

Although the house and the property exhibit a uniquely modern architectural style, the house is successfully integrated into the streetscape through the mix of simple shapes, natural materials and a lush landscape design.

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College students talk climate change with experts

BY MATT DAY
NIAGARA ADVANCE

It's going to be their world, so students at Niagara College are trying to do something about it.

About 100 students attended the Niagara Environmental Core's "C-Day" Monday, which welcomed world-renowned environmental experts to the Glendale campus to talk about what they feel is one of the most important upcoming dates.

The United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen begins on Dec. 7. The conference will continue talks regarding the Kyoto Protocol to prevent climate change.

Panel members who spoke to the students at the college included Lee Norton, an Al Gore trained presenter; Howie Chong, president of Carbon Zero; and Adriana Mugnato-Hamu, the climate change critic for the Green Party of Canada.

The open discussion forum had students and staff voicing their opinions and concerns regarding climate change to the experts, who in turn shared their ideas on the situation.

The college's environmental management professor, Al Unwin, called the occasion a great opportunity to have some high-caliber experts come to the college and participate in the discussions, which were followed by a fair trade coffee house open mic session in the school pub.

"We really wanted to get some discussion going with the

students here on the importance of that particular conference as it will directly affect their lives," he said.

"We want to try and put pressure on our federal government to resolve some of the issues we have regarding the earth's climate."

Each speaker conducted a brief presentation followed by question and answer periods.

It's the discussion part of such conferences that gets Mugnato-Hamu excited.

"I've always loved listening to students. They're very inspiring. This is their future and I think they know that."

She said it's particularly important to focus on youth because some adults cannot grasp how much the world may change in a matter of half a century.

"I want to see a commit-

ment from the government to do whatever the science says. The world is changing at an alarming rate and it's scary," she said, referencing Arctic sea ice levels and droughts in tropical forests.

"We can't wait 10 years to fix it, that's why we need a commitment now."

Canada's contribution to the Kyoto Protocol has been less than favourable, she said—something she hopes changes by the time the new agreement is decided.

Unwin agreed, saying the Copenhagen conference will be the biggest international event he's seen in the environmental field.

The goal of the United Nations Copenhagen conference is to determine global policy regarding climate change, since past attempts have been unsuccessful.



Howie Chong, president of Carbon Zero, discusses environmental issues with Niagara College students Monday.

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Maria Bau-Coote, director of the family health team, says in last week's two-day clinic held at the Virgil Arena, more than 800 patients of NOTL doctors received their vaccination.

Now the health team is preparing to hold a seasonal flu shot clinic, in time for the flu season, which usually starts around late November or early December.

The seasonal flu shot clinics will be held Dec 14 and 15 at the arena in Virgil, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., for all health team patients, with no age limits or restrictions, says Bau-Coote.

The two most common questions people are asking are whether it is neces-

sary for people who have had the swine flu shot, and how close together the two different shots can be.

The time doesn't matter, she says.

"You could technically get one in each arm at the same time, although we're not doing the H1N1 vaccinations at this clinic."

There were some delays the first day of the swine flu clinic, with more than 500 people lining up, but most were understanding about the wait, a result of the paperwork that had to be filled out.

Bau-Coote says that response was overwhelming, but she isn't sure what to expect this time around. "It's hard to tell. We'll be prepared for anything, but we really don't know what to expect. Some people are wondering whether they need the seasonal flu shot if they've had H1N1. We're recommending they do. It's double the protection."



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Did you know good design decisions underpin every successful renovation? According to Kelly Deck at the Globe & Mail, there are design no-nos that should be avoided. Corner fireplaces are a problem because they place a natural focal point in an awkward location. This either leads to an off-kilter furniture arrangement or to visitor disorientation. Fireplaces are best located on the long run of a wall where they centre a room and act as an effortless focal point. Unless you live in a colonial mansion, you want to eschew the spiral staircase. It wedges a circular space into a square space, creating odd angles and disrupting flow. Instead French doors are where appropriate. They belong at the entrances to formal rooms, where they facilitate a view through to the lovely decor and enable the host to sweep open the double expanse of doors in a dramatic gesture. The bottom line? Choose features and finishes that complement the fundamental character of your home.

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Gather 'round for radio retrospective

BY MATT DAY
NIAGARA ADVANCE

Barbara Worthy is hoping people will stop in at the museum after the Santa Claus parade and take a step back in time with her.

"These are adaptations of original 1940s and 1950s radio plays that were actually performed during the golden age of radio," she said.

"It's paying homage to a time where everybody would gather around their radio once a week as a form of entertainment to hear the voices of legendary actors and actresses, including

Humphrey Bogart, Orson Welles and Lauren Bacall."

Shows that featured the unforgettable stories of Harry Lime, Sam Spade, The Shadow, The Green Hornet, Philip Marlowe or Stella Dallas were often recorded in front of a live audience, featured home-made sound effects and allowed little room for error.

"It was live to air so any phones recorded" were heard on the radio," says Worthy.

That, she said, is just one of the reasons why she has a passion for that era.

"They are so much fun to listen to because the good guys always win, there's always a girl to be had and it leaves you feeling good."

The performance will be held in the museum gallery

and ties in nicely with the its current theme of a retrospective on the years 1929 to 1973.

The museum's curator, Clark Bernat, said the museum has a tradition of working with local actors and actresses in town and the show is a continuation of that.

"It adds another lively event here at the museum and the chance to provide the community with an entertaining afternoon."

The Castlereigh Street museum will be selling the \$15 tickets right up until the day of the performance.

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NDSS students visit Body Worlds

BY MELODY MINHORST
SPECIAL TO
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Niagara District Secondary School students are benefiting from educational trips as just last week the animal science class enjoyed a trip to the University of Guelph and the Mapleton Organic Dairy. They learned about different agricultural means and then enjoyed some organic ice cream.

The Grade 11 biology class and art students went on a trip last Wednesday to the Body Worlds exhibit in the Ontario Science Center in Toronto.

The exhibit was very interesting because you could see all the various human and animal parts preserved in a wax coating, which allows you to see even the blood vessel structure.

All of the bodies were donated by people who want-

ed to give their body to science.

After viewing the exhibit the students then saw an Imax film called the human body which explained some of the complicated ways the human body works through simple everyday actions.

On Friday we hosted the elementary volleyball tournament in our gym and our students acted as welcoming helpers and ambassadors.

In the world of sports our boys' hockey team is having a busy week and our swimmers are competing at the zone meet on Dec. 10.

Our basketball and volleyball teams are also beginning their seasons. The senior boys basketball team played at Governor Simcoe and was beaten 84 to 27. High scorer was Dylan Sommer.

The Quest Program continues at lunch with David Lunikatis. Students enjoy a program full of inquisitive

questions and then a pizza lunch.

On Monday we had an awards assembly for all the honour roll students and we recognized all the students who participate in school activities.

The honour roll students are those with an average above 80 per cent and this year there were more than 90 students on that list. They all received a small gift which principal Mike Cockburn dove deep within the school vault to get.

There was also a superb musical performance by students directed by Mrs. Hutchison and there were two great dance performances, the first was from Hairspray and was choreographed by Jake Forrer and the second was the Grade 9 and 10 dance class, choreographed by two former NDSS students.

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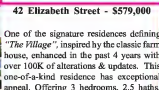


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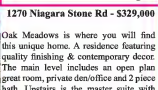
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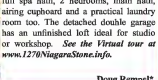
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NDSS students enjoy Shaw workshops, prop and paint shops

Continued from page 16

On Tuesday there was a Shaw Festival day for all the arts students where they had the choice of visiting the prop shop, an improv workshop or a tour of the scene and paint shop and a musical theatre workshop.

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UNSATISFIED with PN's quite inadequate studies, residents are still waiting for answers to their many questions, and now have even more to ask, such as:

- **WHY** should Project Niagara's unfinished, poorly done job be rewarded with a government guarantee of \$50 million more, without proof that resident's concerns, re: traffic, environment and financial costs will be met?
- **WHY** should taxpayers fund this extravagance in the face of towering government deficits?
- **WHAT** other vital Region-wide projects will go unfunded if this 17 week "vacation" home for out-of-town symphonies goes ahead?
- **WHAT** will it cost for the PN-suggested shuttle buses, off-site parking, traffic management and policing, to get thousands to concerts? **WHO** will pay?
- **WHY** shouldn't the Harmony Group be funded to carry a far less expensive historic & eco centre project forward, without the risk of ruining the rare and threatened Carolinian habitat and species?

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Busy time for Butler students including choir performances

BY CARLY BOTBYL
and BRIANA KLASSEN

What an exciting and busy month we had at Butler. We had our annual Remembrance Day Assembly with beautiful presentations from all classes in the gym, and parents and friends joined us at this event.

On Nov. 21 we had our home show. We want to give a big thanks to our school council for working so hard to earn money for our school. We also want to thank the people in the community who supported this wonderful event.

For the third year in a row, Butler supported the Operation Christmas child program, buying new toys and supplies for children overseas so they can have a Christmas filled with joy and happiness just like the rest of us. In total we gathered 32 boxes. They were picked up by the Niagara EMS and we would to thank them for their help.

Another exciting event we are very proud of is that we were honoured as a Gold Eco School at a recent board meeting. Congratulations to all the people on the Eco Team and keep up the good work on compost, recycling, and turning off the monitors and lights Butler.

This December we have tons of fun activities planned. For the Santa Claus Parade, we've entered as a joint school with Virgil Public School. We're going to be cheering and laughing, and having lots of fun to make this city a more exciting place for the holidays.

Silver Mist Productions has asked several DSBN schools to take part in their production "Ebenezer Scrooge: A Carol for Christmas" by having a choir sing in the play. We were asked to join in the fun, and have been practicing the songs. Laury Willms, our fantastic music teacher, has been working hard to be prepared for this amazing opportunity and the kids in the choir are very excited to see this whole thing come to life. We'll be performing Monday at the Niagara Centre for the Arts.

Mrs. Willms has also been working incredibly hard to make our annual Christmas concert amazing too. The annual Christmas Concert will held in Bethany Mennonite Church on Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. You are all welcome to join us.

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Here at Virgil Public School we have had an awesome year so far with many exciting events, and much more to come.

We had an exceptional Remembrance Day ceremony. We were fortunate to have many special guests, such as veterans, the fire chief of Niagara-on-the-Lake, volunteer firefighters, and more. The students performed different touching performances that ranged from songs from both intermediate and junior choirs to heart-warming tableaux.

Recently the senior girls volleyball team defeated Richmond to win the B Division DSBV Volleyball Championships. The girls all contributed to their phenomenal success

as they went the entire volleyball season undefeated, only losing three sets out of 46.

Virgil Public School will be participating in the Niagara-on-the-Lake Santa Claus Parade. We will be doing this as a twinned event with Col John Butler. Many students from both schools will be marching and cheer-leading, as they entertain the people along the side streets of downtown Niagara.

Virgil is also holding a fundraiser in the spirit of giving all through the month of December. The organization we are raising money for is called Sleeping Children Around The World and provides sleeping kits for less fortunate children around the world. Not only does this organization provide sleeping kits for children; it also provides jobs for the unemployed.

This is because the organization sends the donated money to the countries in order to pay for the unemployed to make some of the items needed for the kits as well as put the packages together.

The last major event in the month of December is our annual Christmas concert. It will take place on Tuesday Dec. 15 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everybody who wishes to come is welcome. It is free, extremely entertaining, and truly will get you into the holiday spirit.

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Zachary St-Onge gets the puck for the NOTL Minor Hockey novice St. David's Firefighters to aid in a 5-3 win over the Virgil Firefighters at the Virgil arena Thursday. 11/26/09

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Matthew Puglisi played an outstanding game. The lone goal came from captain Rory Helliwig, who has scored at least one in every game this season. This one was assisted by Ben Simmonds.



NOTL goalie Nicholas Rigas makes a great save, catching a hard, fast Port Colborne shot at the net Saturday for a pee-wee house league 1-0 win and the shut-out.

Bush streak adds 2 more

In NOTL atom house league hockey, the NOTL Rotary lost 4-2 to Beamsville Saturday.

Josh Bush continued his scoring streak with both goals. Assist went to Ross Sanders and Nick VanEmmond. Sanders was selected as player of the game.

Novice Wolves rule

In Niagara-on-the-Lake minor hockey novice travel hockey, the Simpson Pharmacy Wolves remain a strong force in their division.

From mid-November, the Wolves have dominated their opponents. Against St. Catharines, Nick Elia and Owen Holmes scored two goals while Justin Cox and Michael Wilson added one each to beat the Warriors outright by a score of 6-1.

Then they travelled to Dunnville and blanked the home team 3-0 thanks to two goals by Evan Clark and Holmes adding one.

The mini-road stint ended on Sunday when the Wolves travelled to Wainfleet for an 8-0 victory. Clark had a hat-trick, Elia added two goals and Bruce Deluca, Aedon O'Gorman and Holmes each contributed one to the scoresheet.

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